

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 7

The Department of Administration has announced its next round of Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) grants. These grants are intended to enhance, preserve, protect and restore natural resources in the state's coastal zone, the 820 miles of shoreline adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. Grants cover coastal land acquisition, coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, non-point source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. The cost-share requirement may be met with in-kind contributions. Applications are due November 7, 2003. Applicants are encouraged to contact WCMP staff early to discuss ideas for project proposals and the application requirements. Application materials, a schedule of informational workshops, funding priorities and a list of previous grant recipients are available on the WCMP web site at http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=250. You may also call the WCMP at (608) 267-7982.

INCOMPLETE SITE INVESTIGATION REPORTS CAN BE COSTLY

We have previously reminded environmental consultants that in order to consider a request for case closure, DNR must have received an adequate investigation of the extent of contamination. Sometimes we still receive closure requests that are based on seriously incomplete site investigations, and we spend our time determining the steps needed to complete the site investigation rather than making a case closure decision. In several instances DNR has applied the \$750 fee that we received for case closure review to review and comment on the site investigation report instead. In these cases, another \$750 fee is required when a second closure request is submitted later. Consultants may need to remind some clients of this drawback to submitting a case closure without a thorough site investigation report. For more information about fees, please see our Services and Fees web page at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/Services_Fees/index.htm.

GREEN TEAM MEETINGS

Local government officials interested in learning more about environmental cleanup and redevelopment issues can request that DNR attend a meeting to discuss local plans and projects. DNR staff can comment on the technical and financial aspects of environmental cleanups and review funding options that may help get a project underway. Just as importantly, DNR can explain how methods of property acquisition may affect liability and eligibility for grants. Staff from the Department of Commerce often attend these meetings as well, in order to review Commerce's grants. To request a green team meeting, please contact Laurie Egge at laurie.egge@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-7560.

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